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DISSOLUTION RUMORS

Possibility of Federal Election on June 20th

Ottawa, May 15.—A rumor is current in the lobbies that the Opposition releases this afternoon vote supplies, the government will immediately dissolve parliament and the elections will be held on June 20. The unexpected arrival of the Governor General in Ottawa this morning lends color to this rumor.

The Liberals spent two and a half hours in caucus discussing the outlook over the Aylesworth bill. When it broke up at one o'clock there was little disposition on the part of the members to tell what happened.

Senate Talks of Flay Flying

Ottawa, May 15.—In the upper house Senator Landry was informed by Hon. Mr. Scott that the government had come to no decision as to taking over the liabilities of the Quebec bridge company as it had no authority to do. Parent had refused the \$3,000,000 of the bridge company after the disaster. The company owes Parent nothing.

The debate as to the flay flying was precipitated by Senator Domville reading a despatch to the effect that the British premier stated in the Commons he did not think it advisable to order flags hoisted on public buildings on Empire Day. Hon. Scott said there was no intention to restrict the flay flying in Canada.

Mackenzie Howell declared they should let the British Premier know that Canada would fly the Union Jack when it pleased. An expression of opinion of the Canadian parliament should not be out of place.

Senator Clouston thought if any man knew the proper time and place it was the British premier. Premier Asquith was evidently of the opinion that loyalty was not in the flag but in the policy of the government.

LOCAL OPTION BEFORE SASKATCHEWAN LEGISLATURE

Regina, May 15.—The residents of the village and district of Howard have petitioned the legislature to make some important amendments to the liquor law. Their petition was presented to the house to-day by Mr. Stewart.

It backs up the demands of the Social and Moral Reform association, and prays the legislature to amend the liquor law so as to give local option on the straight majority vote to abolish the bar and trading system.

Mr. Wylie gave notice of a resolution to the effect that the present system of wolf bounties does not give the residence owners sufficient incentive to destroy wolves.

The provincial treasurer announced that the estimates would be down tomorrow, and that the budget would be introduced on Monday.

THE SENTENCE FOR ASSAULT

Toronto, May 15.—George Slack, found guilty of assaulting Mrs. Elsie Davis in her liquor store on Yonge St. last March, was sentenced to life imprisonment by Judge Anglin in the assizes this afternoon. Slack has had a bad record but he pleaded that he was innocent of this charge.

Judge Talks Through His Hat

New York, May 15.—Honorable James Bryce, British ambassador to the United States, paid a remarkable tribute to Edwin Root, secretary of state, last night at the annual banquet of the Canadian Club at Hotel Astor. Ambassador Bryce in describing three treaties recently entered into by the United States and Great Britain, which were, he declared, of special benefit to the people of Canada, said, "I will say a word about Mr. Root, secretary of state. I don't believe there has ever lived in our time or in any time any statesman who has more sincerity in his worship of the good interests of Canada than Mr. Root."

Justice J.W. Longley, Halifax, promised that Canada would inevitably reach such growth that separation as a colony from the British empire was certain, and that she would become a distinct nation but always remain the ally of the mother country. All other speakers were chiefly members of the Canadian parliament and made it a point to dwell upon Canada's undying loyalty to the British empire and when it came to the ambassador's turn to speak he seemingly tried to offset Justice Longley's prophecy.

New York, May 15.—The praise of Canada with no uncertain sound was the distinguished feature of the banquet last night. Justice Longley of Nova Scotia, whose subject was "the relations between Canada, Great Britain and the United States" sprung a surprise by expressing the opinion that Canada would not always remain a dependency of the British crown. The ambassador in a sense took issue, saying that he believed that the patriotism of Canadians and the feeling to Britain was now warmer than ever. He then spoke of the cordial relations existing between Canada and the States. During the ambassador's speech Justice Longley rose and alone left the banquet room.

Great Organist Visits Alberta

Calgary, May 15.—Sir Frederick Bridge arrived in the city on No. 97 at 7:30 this morning and is a guest at the Braemar lodge. A herald representative had a short chat with him just before he got on the inevitable motor drive around the city. Sir Frederick is fully possessed of that charming manner so characteristic of the English gentleman, and is full of enthusiasm respecting his present tour.

"I have just come from Moose Jaw," he said, "where they had one of the finest performances I have ever seen my privilege to take part in. They have a magnificent choir and performed at a moment's notice practically one of Wesley's anthems, which I wanted done. I played and it was excellently rendered."

Sir Frederick has visited Montreal, St. Catharines, Hamilton, Toronto, Stratford, Woodstock, Ottawa, Winnipeg and Moose Jaw, and at all of these places he has been delighted with the music produced. "Indeed," said Sir Frederick, "I have been much impressed with the musical possibilities of the country. It seems to me that better the more one gets used to it, they are very enthusiastic about it, something like they are in the north of England."

Asked his opinion on Canada, "Marvellous country," said he, "such a grander and beauty. This is my first visit but I am sure that it will not be my last."

Attacked by Toughs

Rome, May 15.—Much indignation has been aroused throughout Italy by a brutal attack made by a gang of toughs on Thursday on students of the Scots' College at Rome.

Ten students riding on donkeys were returning from Gaudil, where they had loomed, to the villa of the College, situated between Grotta Fierata and Marino. As they were crossing the Ariccia Bridge, which was built by Pope Pius IX. after his flight to Gaeta, four toughs insulted Mr. Henry Donoghue, of Edinburgh, and Mr. Walter Mellard, of Brunar, rushed to his assistance, supported by Mr. Edward Mello, of Edinburgh.

The toughs, however, drew knives and all the students then alighted from their donkeys and defended themselves; but their assailants wounded Macfarland and Mello. The latter was seriously injured, the throat being pierced and the diaphragm perforated. The operation of laparotomy has been performed and it is hoped that he will recover in about three weeks.

At first his life was despaired of. Mr. Macfarland received several nasty wounds about the face and neck. Both the injured men were reported to be better today and the surgeons stated that if no complications arose Mr. Mello was likely to make a good recovery. Mr. Macfarland would possibly be well again in a few days.

Arrests of several of the assailants were made by the police on Friday and popular fury against them has reached such a pitch that it has been found necessary to provide armed guards in order to prevent them being lynched.

Deporting Englishmen

It looks incredible, but it is nevertheless a fact that the first immigrant who departed from Canada as an Englishman was with their wives and little ones landed in Chatham, Ontario, a short time ago. A friend of The Standard, residing in Kennedy, Saskatchewan, has sent us a report copy of the Chatham "Planet" from which we learn that the only reason for packing these people off, back again to England, was that they were in poor circumstances.

On another page we republish the "Planet's" report of a meeting held by the Sons of England in that town demanding parliamentary inquiry into what they very properly term a high-handed and dastardly act. Everyone who is at all familiar with the early history of Canada knows well that the sure foundations of the present progress and development of the Dominion were laid by Englishmen, Scotchmen and Irishmen who left the old land, inspired with the hope, the courage and the determination to better their circumstances in the new land.

The incident recounted in the incident recalls the pathetic refrain of a familiar old song: "We left dear old Ireland because we were poor."

Very many of Canada's most prominent men of the day point with justifiable pride to humble beginnings in the struggles of life. Canada could never become populated if a policy of deporting immigrants of the poor class had been adopted and carried into effect. We point to the privations of the early colonists and to the untold success for the encouragement of the new comers.

It must seem to Englishmen an irony of fate to be compelled to return home from a British Dominion—men who would shoulder the rifle and circle the globe in defence of the white man's empire—only to be received to be housed and fed on the public house of paupers and fancy fruits, or shipped from province to province under strong guard to find

them a suitable asylum. Such discrimination against Englishmen is surely a travesty upon our boasted British liberty and freedom. It is no wonder that the Sons of England in Chatham have taken it up. It would indeed be a wonder if they did not. The matter should not be allowed to rest until it is thoroughly and justly settled. The injured parties and their kindred and countrymen.

An African Witch

Beria, May 14.—There has just been reported to a successful issue a Military expedition in the East African Protectorate, the necessity for which was brought about by the power of a woman witch doctor.

The expedition was against the Kikuyu people, one of them attempted to assassinate the British Resident, Mr. Northcote.

According to details of the narrative received by Reuters, the witch woman incited the natives to revolt and compounded medicine which was to prove efficacious against European troops. By her arts she convinced the people that with the disappearance of Mr. Northcote Europeans would be cleared out of the country. To her influence is attributed the fact that the enemy seemed but little impressed by Maxim-fire.

Mr. Northcote was stabbed with a spear while riding near the station, and had a narrow escape from death. A field force sent immediately to punish the Kikuyu. The force was accompanied by a force of Mandi levies, who were the foes of the British two years ago. The Mandis carried red cloth on their heads and on their spears to prevent their being mistaken for the enemy.

The witch woman eventually fled for protection to Ndaba's people, and this clan was visited and overpowered.

This brief and successful expedition will open up a portion of the Protectorate remarkable for the density of its population and the richness of its soil.

A Real Suicide Club

Manitowish, Mich., May 15.—That Herman De Kruyter, whose corpse was found under a sidewalk, was a member of the black Wolf Suicide Society, is now known. When the body was found after five weeks' search, a black silk veil, gloves and stockings of the same hue and material were found on De Kruyter's person.

On three previous occasions De Kruyter tried self destruction. Each time his attempts were frustrated by the members of the society. He received a small attempt a few days before his disappearance to hang himself the fatal package came.

De Kruyter never talked of the Society, but his family say they have found out after continued searching that five girls committed suicide in Chicago within a week not long ago. They said the members were banded together in a death pact never to reveal the secret and to die when their number came by mail.

Members of the Society believed death was the transition of the body to a state of perpetual happiness and all the members when they fulfilled the death pact went to a happy home.

Mr. and Mrs. De Kruyter, parents of the suicide, will spare neither time nor expense in an effort to trace down the Society headquarters.

Football

Y. M. C. A. DEPRATS TRINITY.

Last evening in a very poor exhibition of football the Edmonton Y. M. C. A. defeated Strathcona. Trinity by a score of 30 at the Agricultural Park here. The locals had their share of the game all the way through, but the forward line was weak in shooting and lost many good chances to score. Combination passes were not effective by their absence, consequently Trinity's play was at times very ragged. But for the good work of Campbell and Hardy on the half line and Kennedy in goal, the Y. M. C. A. would have won by even a larger margin. The Edmonton boys scored once in the first half by Edmonds and twice in the second by Gardner, one of the latter being headed in from a corner kick. A penalty was awarded the northerners in the last half on account of a deliberate trip by Smith, but Kennedy saved what looked like a sure goal. Ed Jennings, of Strathcona City, made a most impartial referee.

The teams were: Trinity—Goal, Kennedy; Backs, Eaton and Smith; Halves, Campbell, Kennedy and McLean; Forwards, McLean, Laidlaw, Holloway, Greenlee, and Morton.

Y. M. C. A.—Goal, Hensley; Backs, Britain and Short; Halves, Kennedy, Stockdale and Nelson; Forwards, Herd, Edmonds, Gardner, Edwards, and Lyle.

CALEDONIANS DEFEATED ALL SAINTS

The Edmonton Caledonians defeated All Saints' last evening in a scheduled game in the Inter-City League by a score of 5—0. On this place the Scotchmen in second place, two points behind the Strathcona City boys. The games scheduled for Monday, May 18 are Y. M. C. A. vs. All Saints in Edmonton, and St. Pauls vs. Strathcona at Strathcona.

INTER-CITY FOOTBALL LEAGUE.

STANDING.

	W	L	D	For	Ag	Pts
Strathcona City	4	0	0	8	2	8
Edmonton	3	1	0	11	1	6
St. Pauls	2	0	1	8	2	5
Y. M. C. A.	1	1	1	6	4	3
All Saints	0	4	0	0	9	0
Strathcona	0	4	0	0	13	0

SNAKE POISON AS DRUG.

New York, May 15.—Medical science has once more turned a poison into a life-giving remedy by the discovery that the venom of the lance-head viper, or "Fer-de-Lance," one of the most deadly serpents known, will cure epileptic insanity.

At any rate, four homoeopathic doctors are stated to have risked their lives on Sunday in extracting a supply of the venom from a "lance-head" brought specially from Brazil to the New York Zoological Garden at the instance of a millionaire suffering from delusional insanity.

A Zoo keeper coaxed the snake from its cage, when Dr. E.L. Dittmar, the curator of the reptile house, grasped its neck and placed its head on the operating table. Dr. W. E. Knyon held a dripping glass covered with muslin to the mouth of the viper, which instantly bit the muslin. The fangs penetrated the fibres of the cloth, and a keeper then pressed the viper's head, squeezing the poison glands. Drops of the deadly liquid fell into the glass, and the operation was repeated until the reptile's supply was exhausted.

In this way over seventeen grains of poison were obtained. This is regarded as an enormous quantity. It will be distributed among the homoeopathic pharmacists of the world. When prepared for use, with sugar, milk, and salt, the dose is said to consist of one-trillionth of a grain. The doctors have therefore secured about 100,000 doses of the venomous drug.

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CURRENT COMMENT

Our contemporary is already in the field with an election slogan for Mayor Mills. The Plaindealer's attack on Mr. Mills seems to be rather shallow in its reason for its crusade of lamination it goes to extremes in slandering his opponents that have never been approached in any attack made upon Mr. Mills by those who think differently. Our views on the subject we have never disagreed. We do not think that Mr. Mills was a success on the Mayor's chair. He had both last year and this year the faculty of antagonizing his council and possessed nothing of that "sweet reasonableness" and tact which is the attribute of all good leaders. Instead of guiding and working in harmony with his colleagues he attempted to "dominate and dictate to them and frustrate" the transaction of City business. That he was always solely to blame we do not say but when one notes that on occasions when a disagreement did arise instead of doing what any able Mayor would have done namely placing himself on record as disagreeing with the business of the City to proceed he defiantly obstructed all business and arrogantly laid down his proposition that unless his sovereignty was obeyed business would not proceed. His culminating act of childish galling play was his resignation in the middle of a year. What he could gain by it except a gratification of his love of eccentricity and notoriety we fail to see. The attempt that is being made by our contemporary to make the resignation a question of party principle is ridiculous. Further than that it is a direct, deliberate and malicious calumny on the majority of the council. A more monstrous and insulting charge has never been made against a reputable body of men and if the Plaindealer has one state of common decency and common sense it will immediately publicly retract and publicly apologize to these gentlemen. Here are its own words: "Let no one forget that Mr. Mayor Mills stood for clean and incorruptible police administration and re-organized the police department and signed as a protest against the kind the majority of the council supported." With regard to the condition of the Strathcona police for one month must naturally be closed. The matter is SUB JUDICE. In our opinion the assumption of guilt conveyed in the above sentence is not only barbarously unfair to the man on trial but is a most glaring contempt of court. What we are at liberty to criticize is the grossly impudent insinuation that the majority of the council stood for an unclean and corruptible police administration. A more brazen slander never defiled paper. It is also untrue and unparliamentary. The Plaindealer knows etc. Five members of the city council supported the Mayor, six opposed him. The Plaindealer's accusation is that these three were in favor of an unclean and corruptible police administration. The citizens know these gentlemen and they can judge. One thing is clear and that is that no greater insult was ever addressed to six reputable citizens and no greater slur was ever cast on the fair name and good name of the University City of Strathcona. The issue is this: Are the interests of the City to be sacrificed to the vagaries of a Mayor who suffers from pet or pique more than from any other cause? Is the moral standard in everything and dislocates the business of the city to satisfy his vanity. We maintain that the morality of these six gentlemen who have been snubbed as to Mr. Mayor Mills.

With regard to the Plaindealer's story of the loss on the duration of the detectives we have this to say that while we do not think that that loss is due entirely to Mayor Mills' unfortunate financial circumstances having contributed to bring about the situation we will say that the time improvement in the city's finance will in our opinion take place so long as Mayor Mills occupies the said magistracy position. It is clear if he can command the confidence of Banking Authorities than which nothing is more essential to the city's welfare. Whether he will be wise or not we do not know. If a politician's spirit would not stand he would not be surprised if the Chronicle. It is in our

view a pity that a Mayor has to be elected. Acting Mayor Richards was drawing harmoniously with all his colleagues and business was being got through without friction and with dispatch. It is amazing to think that there is a possibility that the City may be back at the old "rough and tumble" again in another fortnight.

The Journal Strathcona correspondent is one of the most bigoted of Mayor Mills' supporters. His prejudice seems to have rather warped his ability to report fairly. With regard to the evidence of a woman at the police investigation he says, "Mr. Lovell in cross-examination endeavored to shake the witness' evidence but was unable to do so." As a matter of fact Mr. Lovell did not ask a question that was directed to shake the witness' evidence. The few questions he asked were with regard to the witness' history. The matter is of no importance, except to show how not to report.

EX-MEMBER OF N.W.M.P. IN TROUBLE.

LONDON, May 15.—A man of good family and talents, George Mortimer, aged 37, was sentenced to twelve months' hard labor at the Old Bailey on Wednesday for petty fraud in the issue of worthless cheques at Barnes. It was stated that actually the prisoner had been involved in the issue of between thirty and forty such cheques.

After serving in the Army he went to Canada, and served in the N.W. Mounted Police.

He was a member of the Geological Society, and could speak several languages.

In 1906 he went to South Africa as a mining engineer. One day, when the war broke out he joined Kitchener's force and obtained a commission.

After the war he got an appointment in Nigeria, and was attacked with malaria. He came home with his whole system lowered, took to drink, and under the influence of drink became a worthless chequer on his old bank.

Subsequently the accused acted in Russia and Siberia as an engineer and in 1907, when his wife and four children were stricken down with diphtheria, he began to drink.

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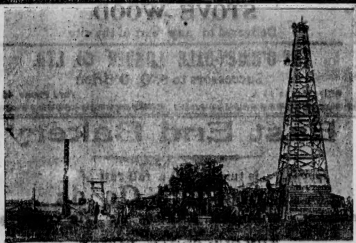
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